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Mr. K. R. Karant :—"May I know why the Government have ear-marked a portion of quinine for free distribution to local bodies ?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"Because we have to find out agencies for distribution of quinine and these are some of the agencies which can be relied upon for free distribution."

Free supply of quinine to the villages of Durga, etc., in the Karkal taluk.

* 245 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and, if so, what amount of quinine has been supplied for free distribution to the villages of Durga and Mala in the Karkal taluk of South Kanara district ;

(b) whether the potail of Mala has asked for more supply ;

(c) if so, when ; and

(d) how much has been supplied, and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Up to 31st May 1929, 6,400 packets of quinine were actually distributed in the villages of Durga and Mala, Karkal taluk. (A packet contains 20 tablets of 5 grains each.)

(b), (c) & (d) The patel of Mala has not been entrusted with the distribution of quinine.

Value of quinine supplied free in the taluks of Puttur and Karkal during 1928–29.

* 246 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the total value of quinine actually supplied for free distribution in the taluks of Puttur and Karkal in South Kanara district in the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 respectively ?

	Quantity.	Value.		
	LB.	RS.	A.	P.
A.—1928-29	5,201	[1] 10,042	8	0
1929-30 (up to 31st May 1929) ...	89	1,720	0	0

[1] The cost of quinine will increase when the commission payable to the Jail department which is under the consideration of the Government is added.

Mr. K. R. Karant :—"May I know why there has been so much fall in the quantity of quinine supplied ? Is it up to date ?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"It is up to the present date."

Supply of quinine to Mundaje village in Puttur taluk.

* 247 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Narayan Bhat Bhide of Mundaje village in the Puttur taluk of South Kanara district who is a member of the Puttur Taluk Board and a respectable landowner applied for quinine for free distribution by a letter to the Collector, dated 21st December 1928, and whether the letter was sent by the latter to the District Health Officer for necessary action ;

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(*b*) whether by a letter, dated 16th January 1929, the said Mr. Bhide informed the District Health Officer that the villagers had organized themselves to take active steps to prevent and cure malaria, and again asked for a supply of quinine for distribution ;

(*c*) whether he again applied on 18th January 1929 bringing it to the notice of the said Health Officer that quinine was being given elsewhere through many Christian institutions ;

(*d*) whether he again informed the said officer that since the fever season had begun for the previous two weeks he was distributing quinine at his own cost and that he should be given quinine at once or that at least an agency should be opened for free distribution in the village ;

(*e*) whether it is true that no quinine was at all given to him ;

(*f*) why it is that respectable Hindu citizens are not given free quinine whilst the Christian missionaries are given with or without asking ; and

(*g*) whether the hon. Minister will place on the table a copy of the Government Order or instruction authorizing such distribution to the Christian missionaries ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information. Under the sanctioned scheme of free distribution of quinine in the selected areas, distribution is officially entrusted only to the specified agencies.

(*f*) & (*g*) Government Order No. 1059, P.H., dated 14th May 1928, has already been laid on the table and the hon. Member will see from it that under the scheme the distribution is made by the institutions, officials and associations noted in the appendix. The scheme does not contemplate distribution by private individuals.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether several missionary persons have been supplied with free quinine? The hon. Minister said in answer to a previous supplementary question of mine that if others also applied for quinine they would be supplied quinine freely. May I know why these missionaries are supplied while other persons if they apply are not supplied? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Because these missionaries are members of certain recognized organizations."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know what those private organizations are ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Missionary societies."

Application for grant from Dr. P. Madhava Pai of the Kanara Medical and Surgical Institute, Udipi.

* 248 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a memorial praying for grant from Dr. P. Madhava Pai of the Kanara Medical and Surgical Institute, Udipi, South Kanara ; and

(*b*) whether any and, if so, what order has been passed upon the said memorial ?